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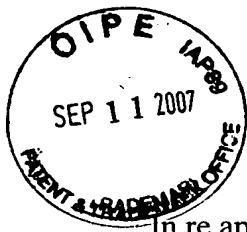
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants submit herewith a complete copy of Controlled Drug Delivery From A Novel Injectable *In Situ* Formed Biodegradable PLGA Microsphere System cited by the Examiner of the Official Action of June 7, 2007.

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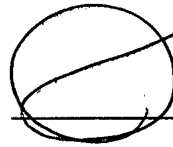
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